

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants request entry of this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c). Claims 1, 5, and 7 have been amended to further define the Cu^{++} cationic fibers of the invention. Support for these claim amendments may be found, e.g., in the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 8, of the instant application. These amendments do not constitute new matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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